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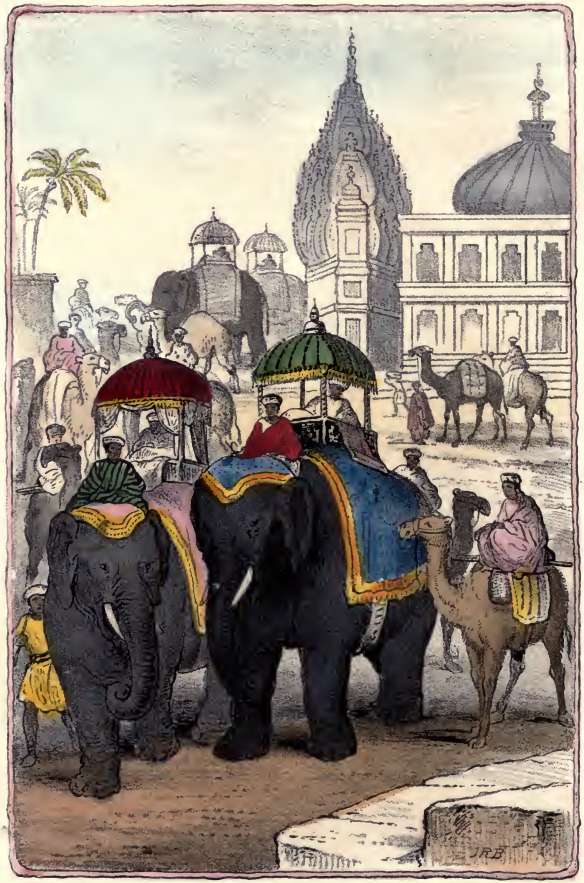

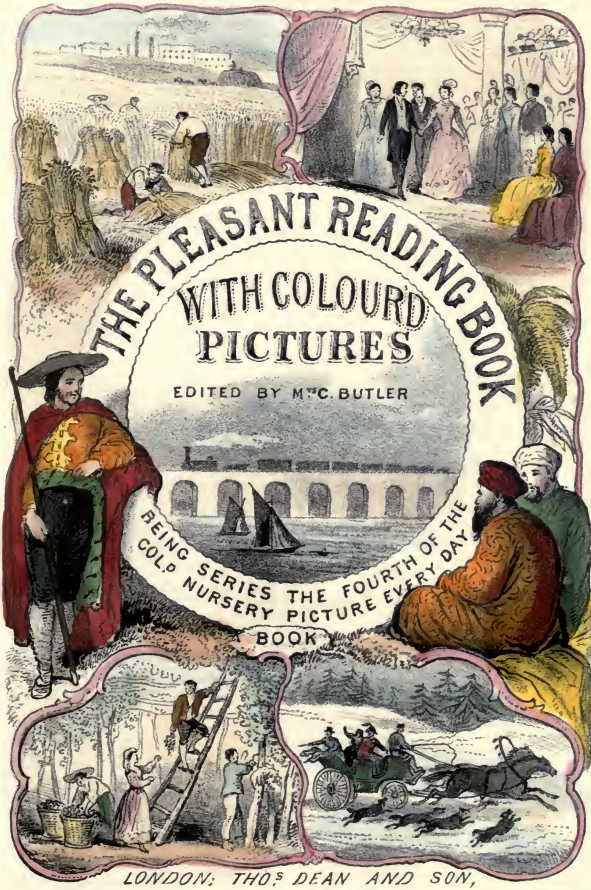
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UTILITY WHEN TAMED.

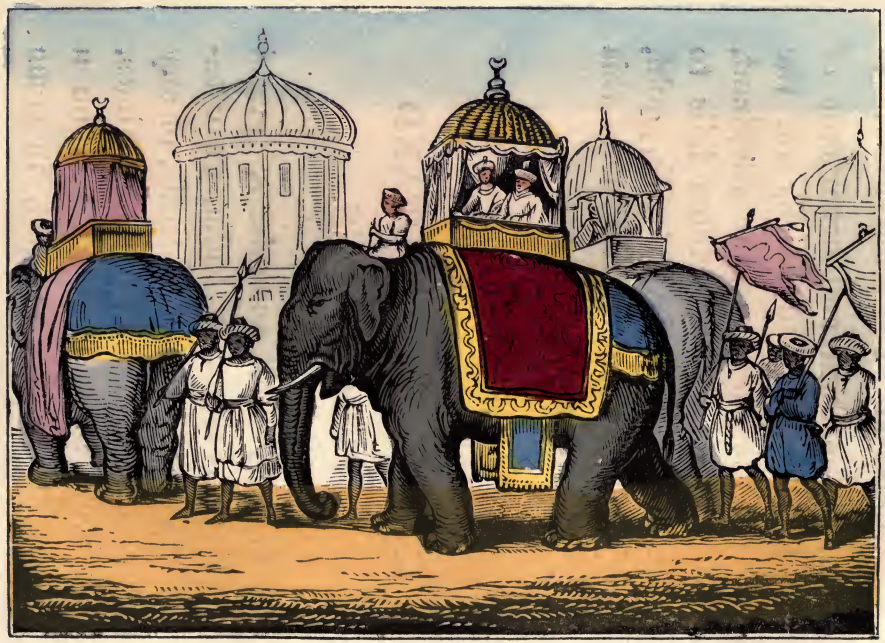
WHEN this noble animal is once tamed, and brought to obey the voice of man; he is as gentle and as tractable as the horse, and is used for riding by the princes and other great men in India. He is too large for a saddle, therefore he has a seat fastened on his back, called a Howdah, in which the rider sits; the mohout, or driver, being in front of him.

The howdahs are of various forms: some are like a pavilion, with curtains; some resemble the body of a coach, while others are but simple chairs of cane, or wood, with light railing round

them. The form and ornaments of the howdah depend chiefly on the rank of the owner of the Elephant, who, if he be rich, seldom fails to make a grand display of silk, gold, and jewels, in the adornment of this truly-national equipage.

ELEPHANTS IN GRAND PROCESSIONS.

THERE are, sometimes, grand processions in India, on occasions of public festivals, or any other great doings. In former times, they were more frequent, and on a more splendid scale; still, in some



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